Angel's story

Two travelling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family.

The familywas rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guestroom.

Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement.

As they made their bed onthe hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it.

When the younger angel asked why,

the older angel replied, "things aren't always what theyseem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor,

but very hospitable farmerand his wife.

After sharing what little food they had the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where theycould have a good night's rest.

When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears.

Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

The younger angelwas infuriated and asked the older angel how could you have let this happen? The first manhad everything, yet you helped him, she accused.

The second family had little but was willingto share everything, and you let the cow die.

"Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "

when we stayed in thebasement of the mansion,

i noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall.

Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune,

isealed the wall so he wouldn't find it."

"Then last night as we slept in the farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife.

I gave himthe cow instead.

Things aren't always what they seem."

天使的故事

两个旅行中的天使到一个富有的家庭借宿。这家人对他们并不友好，并且拒绝让他们在舒适的客人卧室过夜，

主人夫妇俩对他们非常热情，把仅有的一点点食物拿出来款待客人，然后又让出自己的床铺给两个天使。

第二天一早，两个天使发现农夫和他的妻子在哭泣--他们唯一的生活来源，一头奶牛死了。

年轻的天使非常愤怒，他质问老天使为什么会这样，第一个家庭什么都有，老天使还帮助他们修补墙洞，第二个家庭尽管如此贫穷还是热情款待客人，而老天使却没有阻止奶牛的死亡。

“有些事并不象它看上去那样。”老天使答道，“当我们在地下室过夜时，我从墙洞看到墙里面堆满了金块。

因为主人被贪欲所迷惑，不愿意分享他的财富，所以我把墙洞填上了，他也就再也找不到这些黄金了。

“昨天晚上，死亡之神来召唤农夫的妻子，我让奶牛代替了她。所以有些事并不象它看上去那样。”